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A conference was held by the SED Party Executive Committee on 24 November 1947 which Berlin district officials and a few state chairmen of the SED, the FDGB Executive Committee, and FDGB press representatives were ordered to attend. Colonel Tulpanov and a Russian major, presumably Brotsky, were also present. Wilhelm Pieck, chairman of the meeting, stated that it had been called for the discussion of an independent eastern zonal government; the formation of such a government is the best way for the German people to indicate their desire for unity to the delegates at the London conference. He submitted the following list of candidates for offices in the new government to the assembled group, pointing out that they had been approved by the SMA and that he hoped to hear no disagreement on any of the nominations from those present:

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Pleck said further that it will be the duty of the press, of trained SED officials, and of the FDGB, which will function among factory and farm workers, to insure the success of the new government through the proper preparation and indoctrination of the masses.

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